

CLAIMS

1-25. (canceled)

26. (currently amended) A method for production of a brochure comprising the steps of:

joining at least one contents sheet and a cover sheet to one another and folding said sheets;

applying a stripe of glue for joining the sheets before folding; and

~~further comprising the steps of~~ placing the contents sheet and cover sheet in separate guide planes before folding, said guide planes lying one above the other at a distance from one another in the vicinity of a folding device and in a parallel orientation to each other; and

moving the folding device in such a way that the sheets are joined to one another and folded simultaneously.

27. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet is placed on the lower guide plane and the contents sheet is placed on the upper guide plane.

28. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the contents sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

29. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the contents sheet which is folded n times reaches the guide plane directly from a folding machine.

30. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet reaches the guide plane directly from a feeder.

31. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the two guide planes are supplied from opposite directions simultaneously with the cover sheet on one side and the contents sheet on the other side.

32. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet and the feeder for the cover sheet are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the two guide planes.

33. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the two guide planes, the folding device and the joining means supply device are mobile devices that are advanced directly to the folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet and to the feeder for the cover sheet.

34. (previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the cover sheet is provided with joining means, particularly a stripe of glue, before it is placed in the guide plane.

44. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the folding machine or the feeder for the contents sheet is arranged at the guide plane adjacent to the folding device, in particular at the upper guide plane.

45. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the feeder for the cover sheet is arranged at the guide plane adjacent to guide plane, in particular at the lower guide plane.

46. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein the feeder for the cover sheet and the folding machine or feeder for the contents sheet are arranged on opposite sides of the guide planes so that the cover sheet and the contents sheet can be transported in opposite directions simultaneously.

47. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein stops are provided at the guide planes and, in particular, can be adjusted to the dimensions of the sheets.

48. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein monitoring devices which detect whether or not the contents sheet and cover sheet are placed and/or exactly positioned on the guide planes and/or which detect deficient quality are provided in the vicinity of the folding device.

49. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein a sorting device is provided which sorts out defective or incorrectly positioned contents sheets and cover sheets from the vicinity of the folding device and removes them.

50. (previously presented) The device according to claim 41, wherein a good/bad detection device is provided which detects quality features of the brochure after it exits the folding device.